

TERAHARA et al.
Appln. No. 10/682,515
Response

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are all the claims pending in the application. A listing of all the claims with the proper status identifiers has been included.

The claims have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,761,989.

Without admitting that this rejection is appropriate and in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants are submitting herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the rejection.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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